OSWALD STERN, NEIGHBORS SAY

Called Unfriendly When Residing in N.O.

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New Orleans neighbors in a position to observe Lee Harvey Oswald for three months during the past summer described him Friday night as "stern, unsmiling, unfriendly." They said the accused Presidential assassin possessed an unpopular penchant for dumping his trash in the garbage cans of everybody else along the block.

Every one interviewed in the area of the one-bedroom apartment which Oswald, his pretty Russian wife and their one-year-old baby shared at [illegible] from May [illegible] to mid-August, [illegible] was unanimous in [illegible] most pleasant.

[illegible] store," said an employe of [illegible]'s Pharmacy, 4361 Magazine, every evening to buy a [illegible] and, sometimes, to [illegible] cigarettes for his wife.

STERN, UNFRIENDLY

[illegible] to the store with [illegible] Soviet Russia [illegible] a word of friendly [illegible] to do or [illegible]

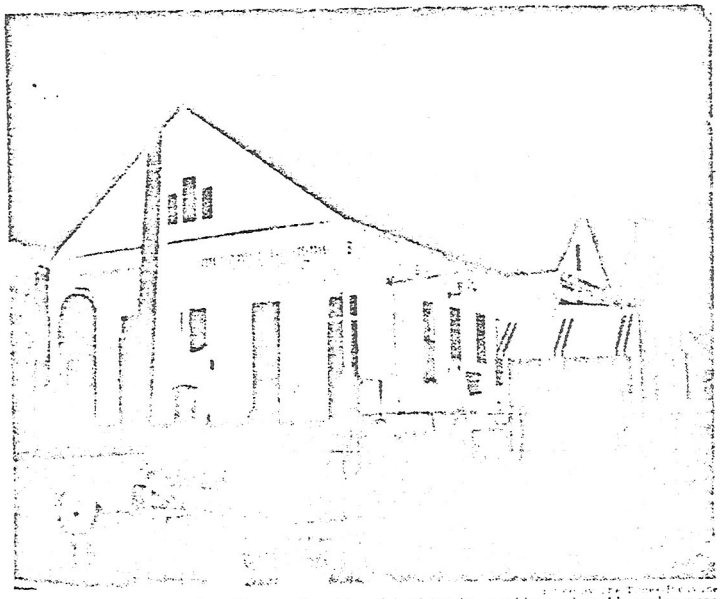
"Just an ordinary sale, another customer. [illegible] question. I certainly wouldn't say so. He was always stern, unfriendly, and I [illegible] ever smiled. I never saw it.

Some [illegible] asked. But [illegible] pressed, as [illegible] what sort [illegible] a man.

Just the opposite. The [illegible] times he said anything at [illegible] he seemed very intelligent and [illegible] educated.

He was very articulate," Mrs. [illegible] Eaton, who lived next door to the Oswalds at [illegible] Magazine, said. "He always [illegible]

This Is the House in Which Oswald Lived Here



FOR HOURS ON END, Lee Harvey Oswald sat reading on a screen porch [illegible] in this frame apartment structure at [illegible] Magazine, during a stay of several months in New Orleans last summer. [illegible] landlady, who said he ignored [illegible] friendship by neighbors. Oswald—under questioning in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas Friday afternoon—rented the apartment at 4907 Maga[illegible] but it not [illegible]

MRS. J. J. GARNER
Recalls tenant.

[illegible] any friends? We [illegible] ever [illegible] there [illegible] he would [illegible]

WIFE 'JUST OPPOSITE'

"His little Russian wife was just the opposite. She couldn't speak English but she seemed very friendly—except when he was around. He didn't seem to want her to mix with anyone."

Mrs. Eames related that she and her 12-year-old daughter Diana, both identified Oswald Friday afternoon when they saw pictures of his capture "long before his identity was ever made known."

"We both screamed out 'That's him!'" Mrs. Eames related.

The neighbor who lived on the other side of the Oswalds this summer, Mrs. Lena Garner, 4911 Magazine, had exactly the same reaction, she related.

"As soon as I saw him I recognized him," she [illegible] ed. "I said to myself 'Who would think that the next door neighbor could have killed the President.'"

Neither Mrs. Eames nor Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] and saw [illegible] at the public library several times, and he was always bringing home [illegible] of books from the library.

Both Mrs. Eames and Mrs. Garner described Mrs. Oswald as very pretty, very sweet.

"She was a very nice person," said Mrs. Eames. "She always smiled, learned to say 'hello,' and although she never spoke English she would try to [illegible]

LEFT APARTMENT DIRTY

"I don't believe he ever took her anywhere. The only place we ever saw them go together was to the corner grocery.

"Whenever they spoke, he and his wife always spoke in a foreign language. We didn't know what language it was."

Garner, a taxi cab driver, said he found Oswald to be very neat and clean, always well shaved.

"He wasn't so clean," Mrs. Garner differed. "Because when he moved out — that is when he sneaked out owing the some rent — he left that apartment filthy dirty."

Mrs. Garner said Oswald [illegible]

[illegible] and talked about [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] SIGN ORDERED DOWN

[illegible] fellow workers he [illegible] knew who could have [illegible] long [illegible] had been [illegible] pect.

Eames said he heard details of the tragedy as he was driving "and everything seemed to fit together a picture of Oswald as the one who could have done it."

Eames said, "I regard Oswald as a very arrogant person in that he wouldn't greet you or make any attempt to be congenial, friendly or neighborly."

"He used to pass us up like we were trash," Mrs. Garner said.

Her Husband, Jesse James Garner, expressed mixed emotions over the [illegible] Oswald being the President's assassin. At first Garner said he didn't believe Oswald capable of it.

"He was too quiet, too reserved," Garner said.

EFFICIENCY INDICATED

Someone pointed out the efficiency with which the deed was [illegible] and asked Garner if he believed Oswald [illegible]

[illegible] said "I object to it." So he took it down, and we had no more trouble."

Mrs. Eames said she did see Oswald smile and be friendly [illegible]

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